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Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-15, 2000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-15 by 2000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- Ongoing online discussion continue about the protests in Windsor, however, no information was identified during the reporting period about any planned protests.
- Some organizers of the Windsor blockade have created a website to raise money, which they claim will be used for lawsuits.
- No new posts of concern were observed regarding the planning of protest activity or actual protest activity at eastern ports of entry.
- Organizers of the protests may gain access to funding through the creation of their own crypto token in order to circumvent the Emergency Measures Act currently in place.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

No posts of concern observed regarding the Peace Bridge.

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern observed regarding these locations.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern observed regarding this location.

WINDSOR

Windsor/Ambassador Bridge

There is ongoing online discussion about the protests in Windsor, however, no information was identified on public facing platforms, concerning any planned protests during this reporting period.

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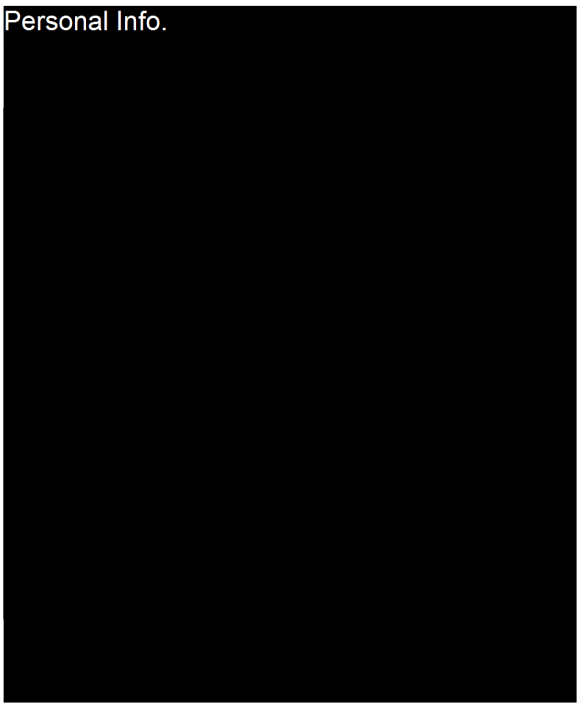

SARNIA

Blue Water Bridge (Sarnia)

As noted in the 1600hrs briefing (ref CIP-2022-6048-IB), a tractor trailer carrying 10,000 pillows from MY PILLOW founder Personal Info. just released information through RSBN stating that their crew was "temporarily detained" at the border and released shortly after. The convoy stated they were denied entry to Canada due to COVID-19 regulations.

The release says that they tried to cross at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor. But the video was definitely shot in Port Huron[iv]

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SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Ottawa International Airport.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Toronto Pearson International Airport (TPIA)

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

Reports are surfacing that the GiveSendGo page set up to help fundraise for the protesters is once again operational (Figure2).[v]

Figure 2: GiveSendGo donations are active again

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Personal spoke on Facebook live following the announcement of the Emergencies Act. Pers encouraged viewers to purchase a "freedom convoy token". Supporters are encouraged to download a crypto wallet, purchase an already established token and then swap it for the convoy's token.[vi] There are two websites located referencing Freedom Convoy Token (Figure 3 and 4), however further information gathering is required to determine which is the one referred to by Perso

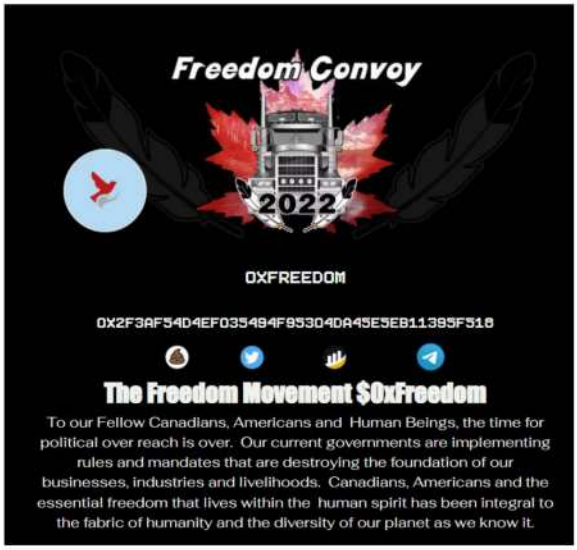

Figure 3: www.freedommovement.cc

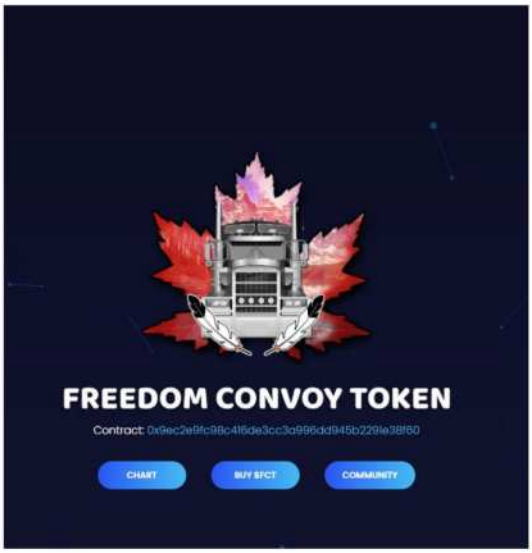

Figure 4 :www.freedomconvoytoken.com

It appears that the organizers are attempting to find ways to circumvent the new Emergency Measures Act in order to support the protesters.

A Tweet published by @Personal (Figure 5, next page) was also circulating regarding Education Minister Stephen LECCE and Assistant Minister of Education Sam OOSTERHOFF's names linked to the GiveSendGo donations supporting the protesters.[vii] This may empower the protesters who could view the information as support from the government.

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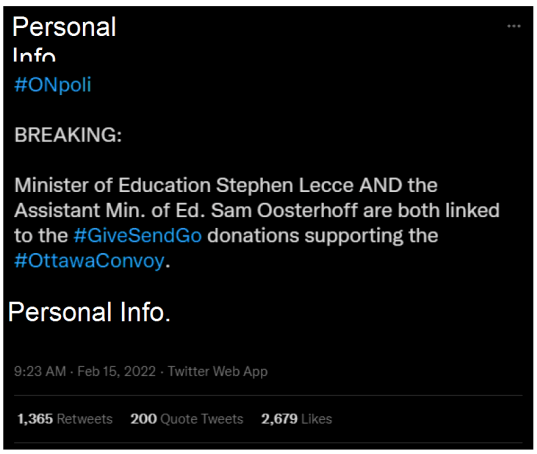

Figure 6: www.freedommovement.cc

LIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

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